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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the final Office action dated April 1, 2003 (Paper No. 13). The three month period for response expired on July 1, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby request and petition that the deadline for response be extended for 3 month(s) up to and including October 1, 2003. Please deduct the dollar amount of \$475.00 for the extension of time fee as well as the \$43.00 fee for one independent claim in excess of three for a small entity according to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) from deposit account number 50-0959 (089498-0372). Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

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